

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 67

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Louis Carlyle Jennings
of Murfreesboro.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Louis Carlyle Jennings; and

WHEREAS, Louis Jennings was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, he was the son of the late Claudia Mae Ellis and Carlie Carlyle Jennings; and

WHEREAS, a native of Gladeville, he attended Carson-Newman College, and he was a veteran of World War II, valiantly serving his country as a pilot in the United States Army Air Corps; and

WHEREAS, he settled in Murfreesboro after the war and founded Jennings Oil Company and later Jennings Tire Company; he served as president of the Tennessee Oil Men's Association and was a member of the Board of Directors of the National Oil Jobbers Association, which he also served as national vice president; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jennings served with acumen and alacrity as a member of the Murfreesboro City School Board for twenty-two years, serving as chairman for eight years; in these positions he earned the respect of the education community and the citizens of Murfreesboro alike for the exemplary quality of his work and his unrelenting dedication to quality education for all children; and

WHEREAS, it was during his illustrious tenure as chairman of the School Board that the Extended School Program was initiated; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jennings was active in Rotary International; he served as president of the Murfreesboro Rotary Club and as a district governor; and

WHEREAS, he served with distinction as a member of the Board of Directors of Rutherford Hospital and was a trustee of the Christy-Houston Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Louis Jennings served adroitly on the Boards of Trustees of Belmont College, Carson-Newman College, and the Middle Tennessee State University Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Louis Jennings was an active and devout member of the First Baptist Church, which he served faithfully for many years in a variety of capacities; and

WHEREAS, Louis Jennings was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jennings was the proud parent of three children, Louis Carlyle Jennings, Jr., Rebecca Ellis Jennings Pate, and Ruth White Jennings Bouldin, and he was a loving grandfather to his seven grandchildren, Louis Carlyle Jennings III, William Alexander Jennings, Rachel Jennings Riddle Culver, Newton Butler Jennings, Thomas Holden Jennings, Ellis Carlyle Bouldin, and Granville Sumner Ridley Boulden III, and his great-granddaughter, Carlie Grace Jennings; and

WHEREAS, he is also survived by four siblings, Claude D. Jennings, John E. Jennings, Sybil J. Green, and Gloria J. Taylor; and

WHEREAS, Louis Jennings leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Louis Carlyle Jennings, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction and his lifetime of service to his fellow citizens of Murfreesboro and Rutherford County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family and many friends of Louis Carlyle Jennings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.